

COUNTY COURT NEWS

Official Report of Clatsop Business as Done.

ROAD MASTERS' FULL REPORT

Resume of Proceedings Had in All Departments of County Government—Roads, Bridges, Elections, Courts.

Claims ordered paid as follows:

General Fund \$4040.04
 Road District No. 3 Fund 127.20
 Road District No. 5 Fund 82.05
 Road District No. 15 Fund 1062.47
 Road District No. 17 Fund 52.75
 Public Road Fund 240.00
 County Court House Fund 9242.33

It appearing to the Court that there is \$8409.75 on hand in the Court House fund at the present time and the Court being of the opinion that it is for the best interest of the county to purchase certain materials necessary to complete the Court House, now the property of Hastie & Dougan. It is ordered that a warrant be drawn for the sum of \$887.56 in favor of Hastie & Dougan for lumber now in the building and on the ground and that a warrant be drawn in the sum of \$1083.23 in favor of Hastie & Dougan for 24,619 pressed brick now in the shed and that a warrant be drawn for the sum of \$365 in favor of Hastie & Dougan for 3396 feet of partition tile, all of which material is now on the ground.

It is further ordered that a warrant for \$1296.23 be drawn in favor of the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company and the same be delivered to Messrs. Hastie & Dougan or their attorney on receipt of Bill of Sale for iron and steel now on the ground and the further assurance that the remaining iron and steel according to plans be shipped as soon as same can be gotten ready. All of the above warrants to be drawn on the special court house fund.

In the matter of the application of Nellie E. Parker, guardian of Wilder W., Charles L., Freeman, F., and Eben P. Parker minor children of Eben P. Parker for an order requiring Eben P. Parker to support his minor children. Ordered that the above named Eben P. Parker be and he is hereby commanded and directed to appear in this court on the 21st day of March 1906, and show cause why he should not be ordered and directed to contribute towards the support of his minor children.

Road petitioned for by John O. Carlson and others. Report of viewers and surveyor read first time and laid over until tomorrow for second reading.

Ordered that a contract be let F. M. Blaisdell to clear, grade, ditch and place culverts on road No. 101 as follows: Beginning at station 29x50 and following the survey of said road in a southerly direction a distance of 750 feet, at the agreed price of \$3.50 per rod.

March 8th.

Road petitioned for by John O. Carlson and others (at Aldrich Point). Report of viewers and surveyor read second time and declared a public highway.

Communication read from the Astoria Crushed Rock Company to the effect that John Frye the present Road Master has disposed of all his stock in the Astoria Crushed Rock Company.

Letter received and read from Fred Olsen of Olney, enclosing check for \$100 for a liquor license from March 1st to May 1, 1906, and it appearing to the Court that Mr. Olsen has not complied with the law, and has not presented a petition as required by law. It is ordered that the clerk return Mr. Olsen his check and inform him that no license will be issued until he has complied with the law in this matter.

Annual report of Cornelius Hunt, Supervisor of Road District No. 9 and James Jamieson, supervisor of Road District No. 15, read and approved.

Thomas Linville, sheriff, reported that he had appointed Edgar G. Gearhart a deputy sheriff. Ordered that said appointment be approved.

Communication from the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, regarding a county exhibit at the State Fair. Referred to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce.

The Court having asked for figures for furnishing lumber for the Warrenton road. And the Kelly Lumber Company having submitted the lowest bid. It is ordered that the lumber be purchased from said company at the agreed price of \$11.

Report of John Frye, Road Master, for the month of February read as follows:

To the Honorable County Court, Clatsop County, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—I have finished sawing road plank for road district No. 15, the

total amount of lumber sawed, 389,101. The agreement between the Road Master and James Jamieson, that he should deliver logs at the County Saw Mill, near Jewell District No. 15, for \$2.50 per thousand including stumpage, except for scrap lumber sold from mill for which he was to receive 50 cents per thousand feet. The agreement was for last year. The agreement for the present year, is that he will receive \$3.00 per thousand feet for all logs delivered at the county saw mill, including stumpage. Mr. Jamieson delivered 389,101 feet of logs at \$3.00 per thousand amounting to the sum of \$1,167.30. Delivered at the mill, 883 cords of wood @ \$2.00 177.00 Stumpage due on scrap lumber. 48.56

\$1392.86

The following amounts of scrap lumber sold and collected for: J. Jamieson, 37,500 feet, \$375.00; D. Tweedle, 2576 feet, \$16.73; K. Sarajarvi 1252 feet, \$8.15; E. Foster 2090 feet, \$13.00; R. M. Wooden, 5472 feet, \$35.57; L. Lindquist, 400 feet, \$3.00; C. Gronnel 1000 feet, \$6.50; E. E. Foster, 7200 feet, \$46.80; F. Pope, 5200 feet, \$35.10; J. Larson, 1000 feet, \$6.50; Wm. Medley, 420 feet, \$2.75; N. Anderson, 3000 feet, \$19.50; J. B. Lewis, 10,000 feet for bridge, \$71.43; E. A. Johnson, 1970 feet, \$12.80; E. A. Johnson, 2000 feet, \$13.00; John Bencke, 772 feet, \$4.70; total, \$669.90. Of the above amount there was turned over to the County Treasurer and placed to the credit of Road District No. 15 some months ago the sum of \$166.43. Balance, \$503.47. Receipts for same hereto attached. I took to my assistance County Surveyor R. C. F. Astbury and A. L. Parker, viewer, view and surveyed 3 1/2 miles of road in District No. 16 known as the Aldrich Point Road.

The big jam of logs in Young's River just above the bridge at the Pulp Mill broke loose on February 18th and carried the bridge, at that place, away. It will be necessary to rebuild bridge as soon as all danger of high water is passed. I find that the piling spread under said bridge and let the bridge down on logs, carrying the bridge down the river about two miles. I instructed men to take bridge apart carefully and take it ashore. I think part of the material can be used again.

Fred Parhaniemi has completed 1400 feet of road for \$5.00 per rod as per contract with road master, on road No. 95 amounting to the sum of \$425. Judge Trenchard and myself made arrangements for locating the County Rock Crusher on the North fork of the Klaskanine. Also let a contract to F. M. Blaisdell for building about 100 rods of road at \$3.50 per rod, this road connects the county rock crusher with Nehalem Road No. 77. I recommend that the county ask for bids for hauling lumber in road district No. 15, also for laying same lumber on said road, by the rod. I also believe that it would be advisable to ask for bids for clearing and grading on road No. 99, in district No. 13, as the grading in that district was done too late last year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FRYE, Road Master.

Bids opened and read on Red Bluff and No. 99, roads and contracts awarded as follows:

Bridge No. 1 on Red Bluff Road to Gus Gronnell, \$14.50.

Bridge No. 2 on Red Bluff Road to S. A. May (90¢ per foot), \$166.50.

Bridge No. 3 on Red Bluff Road to S. A. May (89¢ per foot), \$133.50.

Bridge on road No. 99 near Johnson's place to J. H. Smith, \$74.00.

Bridge between 8 and 9 mile post \$55.00.

Petition of Ralph Sloop and others for a county road, and also remonstrances read and referred to Mr. J. A. Eakin and same is continued until March 21, 1906.

Fred Watson appointed Supervisor of Road District No. 7, vice F. M. Blaisdell who failed to qualify.

Ordered that bids be asked for hauling lumber from the Kelly Saw Mill at Warrenton, same to be distributed along Road No. 97. Bids to be filed by March 20th.

Ordered that the clerk ask for bids for hauling and distributing lumber along county road between the county Saw Mill at Jewell and David Tweedles. Bids to be filed by April 3rd.

Ordered that the clerk ask for bids for clearing right of way on road No. 99 from the 8-mile post around the North-strom Hill to connect with the old road. Bids to be filed by April 3rd.

Ordered that the clerk ask for bids for improving Road No. 94 from Peterson's house to the east side of the Necanicum bridge. Bids to be filed by March 20th.

Order that the clerk ask for bids for laying plank on road between Jewell and D. Tweedles' place. Bids to be received until April 3rd.

Mrs. Ida Steinhoff allowed \$10.00 per month account county poor.

Judges and clerks of election appointed to fill vacancies.

March 21st.

Application of Nellie E. Parker, guar-

dian of Wilder W. Parker et al. for an order requiring Eben P. Parker to support his minor children. Demurrer sustained plaintiff allowed five days to amend the application and defendant until the fourth day of April to reply thereto.

In the matter of Ralph Sloop and others for a county road. Ordered continued until the April term of this court.

Bids opened for improving County Road No. 94 from Peterson's House to east side of the Necanicum Bridge. A. W. Duncan, \$1200; J. S. Johnson and A. W. Mortles, \$2000 to gravel said road with river gravel to a depth of six inches, \$275 additional; N. D. Bain, \$1600. It is ordered that the contract be awarded to A. W. Duncan, that he be required to furnish a bond in the sum of \$500 for the faithful performance of said contract and that the same be completed by June 1, 1906.

The following bids were opened for hauling and distributing lumber on Road No. 98 (Warrenton Road), P. A. Larson, \$125 per thousand feet; W. C. Hardie, 35 cents per thousand between Skipanon bridge and Hills Slough and \$1.00 per thousand from end of present plank road to the Lewis & Clark Bridge No. 2. Ordered that the contract be awarded to W. C. Hardie.

Ordered that the County Clerk request N. D. Bain to return the scrapers belonging to the county.

Ordered that the clerk ask for bids for improving Road No. 102 (Aldrich Point). Bids to be filed by April 3, 1906.

It is ordered that the clerk notify the supervisor of Road District No. 12 (Vesper) and the improvement of roads in said district will be done by contract and that the Court will take the matter up at its April term.

Ordered that the action of the County Judge in ordering lumber for repairing the Spear Bridge at Knappa, be approved.

Report of George P. Clark accountant employed to expert the books and accounts of the various county officers, read, and it appearing from said report that all sums received and disbursed, as shown by the original records, have been accounted for, it is ordered that said report be filed.

It is ordered that the voting place in Vesper Precinct be changed from the Hopkins School House to the vacant house, formerly used for election purposes, in Sec. 13, T. 6 N., R. 6 West.

Ordered that Mrs. John Pakkola be allowed provisions in the sum of \$6.00 until the further order of the Court. Same to be purchased from the Suomalainen Co-Operative Co.

Ordered that the clerk draw a warrant of the General Fund in favor of the State Treasurer for the following amount, \$13250 said amount being the first half of the state tax and all of the agricultural tax due the State for the year, 1906.

C. J. TRENCARD,

Judge.

WILLIAM LARSON,

C. C. CLARK,

Commissioners.

Attest:

J. C. CLINTON, Clerk.

HON. DAVID D. ROBINSON

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The Hon. David D. Robinson, county treasurer of Frankfort, Ky., writes: "I was very much run down from overwork, and suffered from indigestion and a severe nervous trouble. The medicines prescribed all failed to help me and I could not take cod liver oil or emulsions, as the greasy mixtures upset my stomach. One of our county officials told me about your delicious cod liver preparation, Vinol, and what it had done for him. I decided to try it and in a remarkably short time I was a well man. Vinol built me up, cured my stomach and nervous trouble and I have not been so well for years."

Our local druggist, Charles Rogers, says: "Vinol cures conditions like this because it positively contains in a highly concentrated form all of the vitality-making and blood-building properties of cod liver oil actually taken from fresh cods' livers, and without a drop of oil to upset the stomach and retard its work."

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SWAMP DRAINAGE

One Hundred Million Acres Swamp Land in U. S.

GOVERNMENT RECLAMATION

Proposition Before Congress to Use All Money Collected From the Sale of Public Land in Reclaiming Swamp Lands.

ASTORIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 1.—Eastern States have taken seriously to the swamp drainage proposition, and enthusiasts assert that as much land will be reclaimed in this work, if given Government support, as the West is taking from the arid deserts. Congressman Steenerson, of Minnesota, has introduced the bill that is intended to give to Eastern States the right to use the funds arising from sale of public lands for this work. He and his supporters assert that the land so reclaimed will be vastly more fertile than the desert, because of the heavy thick soil, and further, it is being argued that some of the great projects can be carried out for a cost as low as \$10 an acre, as against \$15 to \$50 for desert reclamation.

Government experts state that there are about 100,000,000 acres of swamp land in the United States, 70,000,000 of which have been surveyed. Some of this swamp is along fresh water streams, in fact, most of it, while some is adjacent to bays and gulfs opening upon the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

Western interest is keenest over the fund feature of the matter. People of the West hope no movement will be made to use funds derived from sale of Western lands, where the heavy revenue from this source is being derived now. Public lands are regarded the title of the general public, and not the property of the states where they may be located. Taking this legal aspect of the case as the basis, it would not be difficult for Eastern men to reach the conclusion that all sales of public lands should be funded, and then divided into two great parts, one for desert reclamation and the other for swamp reclamation. If this thought should take material form, it would arouse intense Western opposition. Many Eastern States have no public land for sale, or if any, a negligible quantity, which has no market value. Swamp reclamation work would probably be made to cover the states close to the Mississippi and everything east which division would embrace some states with a limited area of public domain which is estimated to have a sale value.

All of the public arguments used for initiating desert reclamation, are heard in behalf of the swamp reclamation cause. Most of this work would be on such a gigantic scale that private capital hesitates to make the venture and private interests are often so conflict that they could not be reconciled save through a general movement having the sanction of a stronger law than exists at the present time. Western men will sing low until the swamp reclamation proposition takes more tangible form.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a double dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." Sold by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

The Seaside Signal contains the following pertinent snip:

"Senator Fulton writes to the Signal as follows: 'I will at once take up with the Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service, the matter of having a man or two and a good life boat stationed at Seaside during the summer months. I agree with you that it should be done and will do the very best I can to secure it. Very sincerely yours, "C. W. FULTON."'

RIOTS AT SEISTAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 31.—A dispatch from Teheran describes serious plague riots at Seistan. The European Plague Hospital there was demolished, and the mob attacked the British consulate and beat the consul and a British doctor with sticks. The rioting was stopped by the arrival of Cossacks.

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FROM FOUNTAIN HEAD.

Authoritative Statement of Actual Cost of Running the State Printery.

A mistaken idea prevails to some extent as to the emoluments of the State Printer and the practical workings of the office. It is not the big "fat" office it is accused of being.

In the first place the appropriation for "printing" conveys a wrong impression. The biennial appropriation is not for printing alone, but includes also the cost of paper, ruling election supplies and many smaller items, amounting for the biennial period to about \$23,000. The last report of the Secretary of State to the Legislature will show these figures to be correct. Then the State Printer must provide his own printing plant and pay all running expenses of the office. The pay rolls alone for the two years exceed \$25,000. The Salem Typographical Union can bear out the accuracy of this statement. The cost of material, a limited amount of work done in outside Union offices during a rush in the State Printing office, rent, power, inks, and a hundred other expenses, adds fully \$10,000 more. This makes \$58,000 of expenses which the State Printer does not get.

Thus it will be readily seen that when the cost of production of the printing is taken into consideration, the State Printing Office is not all profit. It is just like any other printing business. It costs something to run it. Criticism has for years been directed at the State Printing Office and it seems that it still continues. The present State Printer has been accused of graft of dividing the profits of the office with political bosses, and of a further division for the use of the state printing plant. There is absolutely no truth in these statements. I pay \$100 per month rental for the plant and no more, which is considered a reasonable rental. I have a lease duly signed to this effect, and there has been no division of the office with any person.

The fees paid the State Printer are fixed by law, and every item printed is measured by an expert printer, appointed by the Governor, whose duty it is to measure the printing and affix the amount due as provided by law. Governor Chamberlain appointed to this position Mr. Albert Tozier, a Democrat, a practical printer, and secretary of the Oregon Press Association, whose integrity is unquestioned and who has measured all printing done and approved all bills therefor in strict accordance with law. Every bill for printing is also carefully audited by the Secretary of State. Mr. Dunbar is acknowledged to be one of the best officers the state has ever had, and his auditing stamp of approval is sufficient guarantee of honest accounting.

The State Printing Office is a target of attack without just reason. The heavy cost of printing in past years has been chiefly due to the large num-

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ber of copies printed. This has been reduced by law, and the price now paid by the State for most of the public printing is not above that charged by the printing firms of Portland, and some of it is considerably less. For some classes of work, especially where a large number of copies are required to be printed, the price should be reduced somewhat.

I have given this subject careful study, and believe there are two methods by which the cost of printing could be kept down to a minimum. One is to limit the volume of printing and revise the schedule of prices upon an up-to-date basis, the same as that of commercial printing generally. The other is for the State to own and operate its own printing plant, and to pay the State Printer a reasonable flat, fixed salary. Either of these plans, or similar plans along these lines, which the legislature might adopt for the betterment of the service, would meet my hearty support.

My Republicanism will be attested by the people of Linn county, where I formerly edited the Daily and Weekly Herald for twenty years.

As a native Oregonian and a printer of twenty-five years' experience, I have endeavored to conduct the State Printing Office in a clean, business-like manner, and as a candidate for a second term, am willing to stand upon my record. The books of the office are open for inspection.

J. R. WHITNEY.

Failing to catch the speaker's eye, a number of congressmen are attracting public attention by attacking his ears.

The voters being "on" to the campaign, the registration for the spring election has fallen off from that of last year.

Catspaw Customers.



The story of the monkey who used the cat's paw to pull the chestnuts out of the fire, finds new illustrations daily. When a dealer sells a customer a substitute for Mennen's Borated Talcum, he does so because the substitute pays him a bigger profit. He makes the customer his catspaw to make in a few extra dollars.

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